

CLAIMS

1. A recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and a database file, along with contents data, said contents file having stored therein contents data and supplementary data matched to said contents data, said database file having stored therein supplementary data matched to said contents data.
2. The recording medium according to claim 1 wherein the data size of said supplementary data stored in said contents file and the data size of the supplementary data stored in said database file are prescribed to maintain the identity of said data stored in said contents file and the supplementary data stores in said database file.
3. The recording medium according to claim 1 wherein said contents data are digital audio data, said supplementary data is data of the title, artist's name and the album name, and wherein the data of said title, said data of the artist's name and said data of the album name are held in respective different database files.
4. The recording medium according to claim 1 wherein said recording medium is a disc-shaped recording medium on which recording is made by a recording head.
5. A recording method comprising
 recording, on a predetermined recording medium, a contents file having stored therein supplementary data for contents data, along with said contents data;
and
 recording, on said predetermined recording medium, a database file having

stored therein supplementary data matched to said contents data.

6. A recording apparatus for recording, on a predetermined recording medium, a contents file and a database file, said contents file having stored therein contents data and supplementary data matched to said contents data, said database file having stored therein supplementary data matched to said contents data.

7. A reproducing apparatus comprising

readout means for reading out, from a recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and a database file, said contents file having stored therein supplementary data matched to contents data, along with said contents data, said database file having stored therein supplementary data matched to said contents data, said supplementary data stored in said contents file; and

outputting means for outputting the supplementary data read out by said readout means.

8. The reproducing apparatus according to claim 7 further comprising

reproducing means for said contents data;

said readout means also reading out the contents data stored in said contents file; said reproducing means reproducing the contents data read out from said readout means.

9. A reproducing apparatus comprising

readout means for reading out, from a recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and a database file, said contents file having stored therein

contents data and supplementary data matched to said contents data, said database file having stored therein said supplementary data matched to said contents data, said supplementary data stored in said database file; and

outputting means for outputting the supplementary data read out by said readout means.

10. The reproducing apparatus according to claim 9 further comprising

reproducing means for said contents data;

said readout means also reading out the contents data stored in said contents file; said reproducing means reproducing the contents data read out from said readout means.

11. The reproducing apparatus according to claim 9 wherein a plurality of contents data are recorded on said recording medium;

said outputting means forming said supplementary data into a list and displaying the resulting list;

there being provided selecting means for selectively reading out at least one of said supplementary data displayed on said outputting means;

the contents data matched to the supplementary data selected being read out from said recording medium and reproduced.

12. A reproducing apparatus comprising

readout means for selectively reading out, from a recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and a database file, said contents file having stored

therein contents data and supplementary data matched to said contents data, said database file having stored therein said supplementary data matched to said contents data, said supplementary data stored in said contents file or said supplementary data stored in said database file; and

outputting means for outputting the supplementary data read out by said readout means.

13. The reproducing apparatus according to claim 12 further comprising

reproducing means for said contents data;

said readout means also reading out contents data stored in said contents file; said reproducing means reproducing the contents data read out from said readout means.

14. The reproducing apparatus according to claim 12 wherein a plurality of contents data are recorded on said recording medium;

said outputting means forming said supplementary data into a list and displaying the resulting list;

there being provided selecting means for selectively reading out at least one of said supplementary data displayed on said outputting means;

the contents data matched to the supplementary data selected being read out from said recording medium and reproduced.